(c) if not, by when these are likely to be issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) As per existing scheme, Dearness Allowance (D.A.) payable to the Central Government employees is revised twice in a year, from 1st January and 1st July. Another instalment of Dearness Allowance has fallen due with effect from 1.1.1991. The matter regarding grant of this instalment is under consideration and a decision will be taken soon.

Refund of Income Tax and Corporate Tax

1075. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have given directions to the effect that no refunds towards income-tax and corporate tax are to be paid;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much of the refunds due on the 15th February, 1991 remains unpaid?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such statistics are being maintained.

Setting up of Product wise Growth Centres in the country

1076. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up product-wise growth centres in different parts of the country on the lines of the hosiery complex established at Tirupur in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) Such a suggestion is made to the State Governments who have to provide land and other infrastructural facilities like water, power, roads, etc.

Exports of Castor Oil

1077. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exporters of castor oil have failed to honour their commitments to overseas buyers because of high prices at home; and

(b) if so, whether any action was taken to give them Cash Compensatory Support to increase the export of castor oil?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Instructions regarding import of capital goods

1078. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions regarding non-issuance of licence for the import of capital goods for the value of more than Rs. 10,000.

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether orders have been implemented; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Scope of Indian exports to Germany

1079. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope for Indian exports to Germany as a result of the introduction of market economy by that country;

(b) whether a shift in German economic policy has given a greater boost to the Indian exports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) Indian exports to former GDR were small in quantum and restricted in variety. Market economy would progressively increase prospects, in varying degrees of increased exports among others in items such as garments, fabrics, tea, coffee, spices, carpets, gem and jewellery, engineering goods, forgings and castings.

Proposal to exempt the Bank loans of farmers affected by Hailstorm

1080. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to exempt the bank loans of those farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorm in the month of February, 1991;

(b) whether Government also propose to provide the above affected farmers fresh loans on low rate of interest; and

(c) if so, what are the details of such proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There are standing instructions from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to banks for extending relief to the farmers whose crops are damaged due to natural calamities by way of conversion of short term loans into medium term loans provided the crop loss is more than 50 per cent of the normal yield. The farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorm in the month of February, 1991 would be eligible for this facility.

(b) and (c) The farmers whose crop loans are converted into medium term loans can be provided with fresh crop loans at the normal rate of interest to start next crop operations.

Valuables seized during raids by Income Tax Officers

1081. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount Cash, Jewellery, Gold, Moveable and Immoveable property, separately seized in the Capital by the Income Tax officials during raids from 1st January, 1990 to 15th February, 1991;

(b) what are the details of the such raids conducted; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against each defaulter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS